GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EXPANDED JOB SCHEME IN A N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andaman & Nicobar Islands does not fall under the category of expanded job scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and (

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c) There is no Scheme by the name of `expanded job scheme` in the Ministry of Rural Development. However, a National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 was enacted by the Government on 7th September, 2005. The Act was launched in 200 identified districts of the various States on 2.2.06 and has been extended to 113 more districts with effect from 1.4.2007. The Act is not yet applicable in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In accordance with proviso to Section 1(3) of the NREG Act, 2005, the Act shall be applicable to the whole of the territory to which it extends within a period of five years from the date of its enactment.